

BROOKLYN AND BOSTON PURSUE FORLORN HOPE—"ALEX" SHOULD WIN FOUR MORE

FEAR OF BOSTON AND BROOKLYN FADES AS PHILS INCREASE LEAD

Moranmen Need Win Only Nine Out of Sixteen, as Against Thirteen Out of Fifteen Necessary for Rivals. Alexander Should Gain Four More Victories

Another week has passed with the Dodgers and Braves unable to cut down the lead of the Phillies, and it begins to look as if the locals will return home on October 4 the new champions of the National League.

Provided all the games scheduled are played, the Phillies can finish with a percentage of .511 by winning nine out of the 16 games yet to be played.

It seems hardly reasonable to expect either Boston or Brooklyn to accomplish their task, particularly as each team is scheduled to play four games with the Phillies. In Boston, the Soxers are optimistically showing how a clean sweep by the Braves from the Phillies in Boston, and then an even break for Moran's men in Brooklyn, while the Braves are taking four games from New York, will just send the Braves over the wire a few points ahead of the Phillies.

Alexander Should Turn in Four More Victories Just how Boston and Brooklyn can figure on overcoming a lead such as the Phillies have, is difficult to imagine, unless the whole Philly team collapses.

During the last week Alexander won three games and is apparently going better than at any time in his career, barring a brief spell in the middle of the present season, when he was shattering records, and there is no sound reason why he should not travel along at his present gait until the close of the season.

Phillies' Star to Pitch Twice Against Cubs Yesterday Alexander beat the Cardinals and he will not be on the mound again until Thursday, when he will pitch against the Cubs.

Then if the race should still be undecided Alexander could be sent back on October 7, the last day of the season. It is safe to predict that it will not be necessary to work Alexander after October 4, and chances favor him working on this day only to limber up for the world's series.

Mayer, Chalmers, et al. Should Win Five Games This line of reasoning is allowing Alexander four victories out of five starts, Mayer two victories out of three starts, and one or two relief games; Chalmers two victories out of four starts, as the latter has reached such form that he is certain to be one of the dependables in the stretch.

Chalmers Again the Hard Luck Pitcher An even break in a double-header with the Cardinals was as much as the Phillies could expect, but it was a heart-breaking game that George Chalmers lost.

Alexander Beats His Own Record of Victories The victory was gained by Alexander the Great, and he was never forced to extend himself. The Phillies gave the Nebraskan an early lead and he eased up until the Cardinals threatened to rally.

Cantillon's "Old Man's" Team Wins Pennant The major leagues are not the only organizations that enjoyed thrilling pennant races. The International and American Association championships were not decided until the day before the close of the season.

Buffalo Won Great Race in International In the International League, Providence assumed the lead in the second week of the season and held it until last Wednesday, when Buffalo won a double-header from the Grays and went into first place.

Municipally-owned Team Pays Bonuses While on the subject of minor league races it might be well to mention that Evansville, which won the central League pennant, had a free gate for the entire season, with municipal ownership of the team.

The Deterioration of One Eddie Collins Billy Hanna, of the New York Sun, remarks: "It may be on account of the general disappointment in the ranks of the White Sox in not realizing championship hopes that has affected the work of Eddie Collins.

Johnny Evers Really Learns Something Johnny Evers recently remarked that Art Nehf was the greatest young south-paw in the land and that he was a born pitcher.

"Fing" Gould and Russell Johnson, the Uranus College pitchers, both of whom are in Mack's school, engaged in a pitcher's duel on Saturday, the latter winning 1 to 0.

Dave Danforth, who was with the Athletics in 1911 and 1912, and who last Sunday struck out 18 Kansas City batsmen in nine innings, followed up this performance by fanning 16 Indianapolis batsmen on Wednesday.

BASEBALL BUGS BUZZING AROUND POOR PAT MORAN

One Nut Offers to Sell Phil Pilot Lucky Penny for a Mere \$500

EARFULS OF ADVICE FREE

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Sept. 20.—Pat Moran is now experiencing what every successful manager has to face in the course of his career—the subtle attack of the baseball bug.

In the hotels, on the streets, on trolley cars and in trains these pests insist on introducing themselves. Sometimes they have a weak excuse for intruding on the Phillies manager by telling him that they once knew a man whose brother played ball with a friend of Pat's.

On the strength of this they want Pat to talk to them indefinitely, after which they tell all their acquaintances how Pat Moran is one of their best friends and how he ought to be telling them the inside facts about the game.

Other bugs will come up to Pat and say: "This is Mr. Moran, isn't it? I just wanted to shake hands with you. I am a great follower of baseball. I go to all the games here, and just thought I would speak to you and let you know we are all for you," etc., etc.

Pat is always tolerant with these bugs; far more so than the average man would be. He answers their questions politely, and while he tries to get away as quickly as possible, he does it in such a way that no one could ever feel any offense.

This is one of the worst of grannies in baseball, John McGraw, Hugh Jennings, Fred Clarke, Connie Mack, Fielder Jones and other who have experienced the same thing. In fact, every well-known baseball player has to go through with these insects to a certain extent, but the manager who has his club at the top in the final stretch for the flag is the one who suffers most from the buzzing of these wordy baseball mosquitoes.

Still another fan in Philadelphia sent Pat word that he must have a Sphinx. No championship could be won without it, said the fan, who is himself a member of the Sphinx Club.

But, after all, the Fred Chandler Horse-shoe of the Seven Nails has done the work, so Pat feels that other luck pieces would be unfair. He might never lose another game if he bought and accepted all the anti-jinxes that are offered him.

Another thing which the leading managers have to endure is the reading of volumes of mail from persons wholly unknown to them. Of course a man has to open and read all his letters, otherwise he might overlook something important.

Some of these letters give the manager inside dope on a great ball player who can be signed for a small sum, provided, of course, that the letter-writer gets a rake-off for the tip. Others want to put in applications for world's series tickets, while others actually want Pat to send them passes for the series.

One of the most amusing letters Pat has received recently was from a man who signed himself Will Caldwell, Hamilton, Ont. Mr. Caldwell stated that he had a lucky penny which had been in his family for generations.

He recounted incidents by the page to show how lucky the penny was. It had saved steamships from being wrecked; had prevented railroad accidents; had won fortunes for the owner; had saved hundreds of lives in other various and sundry ways.

Mr. Caldwell offered the rare talisman to Pat for the niggardly sum of \$500 and then the Philly leader was to give him \$500 more if he won the series.

Pat was on the verge of sending Mr. Caldwell a 1000-word telegram, collect, instead of \$1000, but he finally decided that his friend was just a simple nut, so he tore up the letter and forgot it.

A Philadelphia rooster sent Pat two silver-plated horseshoes which couldn't fall to bring luck. Pat gave one of them to Grover Alexander. These were gifts in fee simple.

Kearns-Levinsky Fight Thursday NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—The fight between Battling Levinsky and Soldier Kearns at the Clarion A. C., of Brooklyn, last week, was postponed until next Thursday night.

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BOX AT OLYMPIA TONIGHT



JOHNNIE DUFFY Sailor Grande will be Smiling Buck Crouse's antagonist, while Young Jack O'Brien will encounter Duffy.

GRANDE AND CROUSE AT OLYMPIA TONIGHT

Sammy Trinckle Will Substitute for Joe Heffernan Against Loughlin

Reports this morning from Sailor Grande's training quarters have it that Charley has developed a new attack and defense. He will exhibit his improved pugilistic repertoire at the Olympia tonight in combat with Buck Crouse, of Pittsburgh.

Willie Baker, who promises to develop into a star middleweight, will substitute in the semi-final for Joe Heffernan against K. O. Loughlin.

The program follows: First bout—Alex Costica, Rumania, vs. Joe Pichan, North Penn.

Second bout—Patsey Haley, Wilkes-Barre, vs. Johnny Mealy, Southwark.

Third bout—Johnny Duffy, Kensington, vs. Young Jack O'Brien, West Philadelphia.

Fourth bout—C. Loughlin, South Bethlehem vs. Jimmy Trinckle, Emery Hollow.

Fifth bout—Sailor Charley Grande, Vallejo, vs. Buck Crouse, Pittsburgh.

A crack preliminary card has been arranged in connection with the return of Bobby Reynolds-Jimmy Murphy match at the Douglas tomorrow night, as follows:

Young Britt vs. Jake Myrick, Kid Harris vs. Johnny Russell, Jimmy Devine vs. Benny Clark and Bobby McCann vs. Joe Tubber.

Harry Smith, local hard-hitting south-paw featherweight, who will fight under the colors of Tommy O'Dare this fall, has been matched to meet Willie Jackson, of New York, at the National A. C.'s opening Friday night.

Johnny Erie may feature in a bout with a younger brother, Mike, who is 17 years of age. Mike is a promising little fellow, according to St. Paul reports, weighing 131 pounds.

Tonight at Tamaqua, Pa. Jack Toland, of this city, will meet Knockout Brennan, of Buffalo, in a 10-round bout.

RACES TODAY AT HAVRE DE GRACE. Six Races Daily—including a Steeplechase, Special Trains Penna. R. R. leave Broad St. 12:45 p. m., West Philadelphia, 12:55 p. m., R. & O. leave 51th & Chestnut Sts., 12:55 p. m.

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ACADEMIC FOOTBALL SQUADS LINE UP FOR HARD PRACTICE

Germantown and Penn Charter Already on Field, While Delancy and Episcopal Prepare for Work—The Outlook in Interacademic League

Although the first game to be played in the Interacademic League is a month distant, two teams already are practicing hard for the opening of the season.

Germantown started in on September 3, and Penn Charter began preliminary practice last Tuesday. Friends' Central will hold its initial workout next Tuesday and Episcopal follows two days later.

When Delancy School and Episcopal combined, it was thought that the football team this fall easily would carry off the championship of the league.

A ruling was passed, however, barring all Delancy players until they have attended the school for one year.

The early games to be played with St. Luke's, Chestnut Hill, Haverford and Bryn Athyn will be considered the most important on the schedule and the strongest eleven placed on the field for these contests.

When the Interacademic League opens, it is planned to withdraw all of the ineligible men and send in substitutes. No effort will be made to win many of the regular games.

Captain Stewart, quarterback on last year's team, will be back, as will Dickson, a halfback, Applepie, one of the best fullbacks in the city, is undecided as to whether he will be able to play this year, but it is thought he will be out in uniform when the team begins practice next Thursday.

With three positions in the backfield already filled, and the Delancy squad to draw from, Episcopal should be strong behind the line.

Prospects are good for a strong rush line also. McCall, the veteran center, is a valuable asset to the team. He is big and fast, can punt, run with the ball and also plays a good defensive game.

Lalow, sub linemen last year, and Hunt will try for the other places on the line. Coach Dick Merritt faces a hard task at Penn Charter. With only a few of the

Holmes, fullback; Martling, guard, and Captain Lamb, halfback, are the other regulars who will be back. There is a wealth of material to select from, however, the most promising being Clothier, Keys, Kent, Dismore, Frutchy, A. Lawson, R. Lawson, Landenberger, Perry, Bockman, Cornell, Williams, Jobson, Henson, Van Selver and Doyle.

Coach Jacoby will look over the candidates for Friends' Central next Tuesday, when the first practice will be held. A majority of last year's team will be back in school and prospects for a good team are exceptionally bright.

Fant, Conley, Morris, Bushy, Mitchell, Mull, Doderidge, Cooper, Remmy, Fancoast and Captain Joe Stoddard are on hand and the other places should not be hard to fill.

BRYN MAWR HORSE SHOW BRYN MAWR HOUNDSHOW September 27-28-29-30 October 1 and 2

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ATTEN-SHUN! O, THE AUTUMN LEAVES ARE FALLING AND THE AUTUMN WY-ND'S ARE CALLING FOR THE RAH-RAH BOYS TO DON THEIR PADDED SUITS. AND TO SCRIMMAGE RUSH AND TACKLE, CARING NAUGHT FOR BONES THAT CRACKLE, WHY'LT THE MOB ENTHOOS-E-ASTICALY ROOTS. THAN-KEW!